

SELF-CONTAINED OCR SYSTEM USING HARD DISK DRIVE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A self-contained OCR system includes a housing holding a scanner for outputting a digitized representation of information on paper documents, and a processor in the housing for executing an OCR module to generate ASCII text from the digitized representation. The housing also holds a hard disk drive for storing the text. External devices are not needed to transform the paper-borne text to electronically-stored text.